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POINTERS AND POINTS.

THE VOICE OF THE GULF.

Walking through an arid land,
Tangled thistles, low and thorny,
Waving banners dark and gloomy,
Shades on the face of nature,
Nothing but in deserts, deserts,
Sighing sounding cold and gray,
God we thank thee for the pain,
Save like the stings of thorns.

Long, sombre, gloomy, desolate,
On the shores of the sea,
Eligion in the wilderness,
Only as the voice commands us,
Are we safe and sure of rescue,
Home at ending of the way,
Evils awaiting us, but to
Have a faith to follow on,
Though the clouds are dark and dreary,
All the gloom of the sea,
They that bear the load, and their
Burden, and their load is heavy,
From without, and from within.

A great preacher, whose success in winning souls was well nigh phenomenal, once said: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth." And we are not surprised that the great men in Israel find their success along the same line of forces. In closing a sermon in his New York City pulpit Sunday before last, on "Sword of the Spirit," Dr. John Hall said: "If I have had any success in the work of the ministry, it is because I have endeavored all through to hold forth the Word of Life. I have no skill, genius, or ingenuity for a new way of putting things, no art in delivery, no sension themes, and if I had to depend upon flowers in the sermon to draw the people I should abandon the pulpit."

If all preachers were like-hearted and like-minded, they would doubtless be equally successful.

The spirit of reform seems to be abroad in the land, ballot reform in elections, political reform in government, and moral reform in things. This all, we do not look curiously enough to the outside, and now Christian people and nations, especially when they consider that our people make so large an exhibition of piety to have national fast days of thanksgiving, chaplains in Congress and State legislatures, and that some sort of religious service is a prominent, if not a conspicuous feature in every great state or national parade. But is a fact, a most humiliating fact that this great praying Christian nation needs to be reformed on the lines indicated. It is however a very consoling fact that this need has at last attracted the attention of the moral and honest element in our American citizenship and that they have set themselves to work it up and bring it out. Now we want to make some suggestion and we hope to make it good by our own example, and that is let every helper in this reformation be sure to "clean up" inside and outside this own door, and set an example worthy of imitation. This will help to give point to your arguments and force to methods. Remember that *what are not but examples are to help us to clinch the truth*. Be the truth to the truth and *put the truth*, and reform will come.

We are not sure that credulity is a very considerable element in truth. That sturdy apostle injunction which says "upbore all things held fast that which is good" seems to our mind to pluck up credulity regardless by the roots and hang it out to dry.

Credulity is only too ready to admit the claims of every pious pretension as true religion and wrap it up in the ample folds of its mantle of charity with all its unscriptural crudities as a thing to be honored and cherished. It must be this credulity which reduces all religions to a common level and reckon them all to be alike good. And doubtless it is out of this mock faith that most of the present religious indifference prevails. The sterling backbone of a discriminating faith is what is needed to lift up the gospel standard and carry it on to the front. To our mind the faith that proves all things by the word, and holds fast only what that oracle says is good is infinitely better than the blind credulity that bows in reverence to whatever claims to be religious.

Paul continually kept him which gave him unusual strength, a talisman that made him a fearless defender of the faith under all circumstances, and it is that which if we keep it, about us will do the same blessed thing. It is not that there is nothing of offense toward God and men." As the magnetic needle responds unerringly to the draught of the pole so a well educated conscience responds to the influences of truth.

The consequence can only be educated through the intellect and that by direct instruction and wholesome books. These latter come from suitable teachers and pure sources, for a stream cannot rise above the fountain nor a man out of which he has not. There is no conscience so ready to be formed, and no intellect so incapable of correct judgment as those of those day. Nor are there any to be found competent for this work as Christian parents and Sunday school teachers. May God help his people to meet their responsibilities in this regard.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

By Dr. S. S. E. BROADUS, Ph. D.

The new Commissioners of the District, have been appointed by President Harrison, and have entered upon their duties. It is the general opinion of the religious and temperance classes that they will be something of a moral improvement on those just retired.

These commissioners correspond to city counsellors in the States in their powers. They will have it very largely in their power to lessen the curse of liquor, which is growing in the city. At least one of the retired commissioners was known to give orders to the police not to interfere with particular saloons on the Sunday preceding the Harrison Inauguration. The commissioners cannot make laws but they can execute laws that are made. Laws executed create sentiment for more effective laws faster than any amount of agitation. I believe it is a determination of the classes who are for temperance and morals to show a bold front and insist upon the execution of the law. Laws that are interpreted in the interest of the criminal classes aid in the cultivation of crime wonderfully fast.

The other day just under the shadow of my church a sad life with a criminal one, both came to a tragic end in the most shocking way. Fourteen years ago a young lady, respected, cultured and from a good family, married against all advice. The husband took to drinking and led purely a worthless life. In these fourteen years he had done but one week's work. His wife supported him by teaching in our city schools. She was one of the best of teachers. Driven to desperation, and wholly disengaged in her hope to reform him she sought to free her. Her effort to seek a divorce exasperated him. Drinking hard all the morning he ordered a cab about the middle of the afternoon and was driven to the Jefferson School Building. The unsuppecting woman was in the midst of her scholars, as they were leaving her room for the day. Suddenly she saw her depraved husband striding through the hall. A dark scowl on his face brought terror to her soul. Out of respect for her purity she hastily stepped back to a closet door to meet the crisis alone. He hurriedly rushed up to her, threw a heavy revolver to her head and fired. Then immediately shot himself. Together they fell upon the floor, and in a few moments were dead.

The next day I was thinking of the humiliating conditions that could make such things possible in our civilization, which we have been lauding before the world during these centennial days. In the midst of reflections the piercing cry of a newsboy fell upon my ears. I hailed the boy and procured two papers published in two leading cities. Boarding wear, traced column after column and marked the instances of terrible crimes provoked by this rascal. Here is the way it stood: In Newark a young man carefully sharpens a knife and rushing into the house where lived a young woman who had discarded his company, he stabbed her, and attempted to kill his own life. In Kingston, New York, an old man of 60 years of age cleaves his wife's head with a broad axe, falls in an attempt to kill a daughter and cuts his throat with a razor. In Boston, Kan., a man brutally beat his thirteen-year-old child to compel her to assign to him some property. Near Cincinnati a man reached home about midnight intoxicated. Drawing two revolvers he took deliberate aim at his father and fired. He went to the house of a neighbor and shot two ladies. Then fired a barn and kept the neighbors away with drawn revolvers until it was wholly consumed. An evil passion unrestrained becomes in the social order a devil of evil to which all shocking concessions and sacrifices must be made. In one of the South Pacific Islands, before Christian missions subdued the evil passions of men, the convenience of the king became a horrid devil. Whenever a royal canoe was to be launched hundreds of young girls were collected and laid upon the ground to serve as rollers. Over their bodies the immense canoe was rolled forward to the water. They were torn, crushed and killed.

An outrage as cruel, brutal and criminal we permit in our civilization, when we allow this rascality to demand such crimes as the above. When will we rise in our power and down the monster?

Two Church Conventions are now in session in this city. The general convention of the Swedishborgian Church is holding its sessions at the Universalist Church. Coming over the mountains the other day I met one of the leading ministers of this church. He holds that their mission is to maintain the Swedishborgian faith until the race progresses in culture to a point where the people can generally apprehend its teaching, at which time they will rapidly become members of this church. I thought it an innocent sort of conceit to hold, and made no protest.

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The Maryland Diocesan Conven-

tion of the Episcopal Church is in session at the Epiphany Church. The only thing transacting of interest has been the somewhat animated discussion upon the proposed change in the name of the Episcopal Church. In the light of the extreme anxiety of this church just now for the union of all Protestant Churches, some of the statements made in this discussion strike me as exceedingly funny, and look as though there was a good deal of contradictory nature of child talk in some of them. Here are some of these rambling shots: The Episcopal Church is the Catholic Church of the world. The Episcopal Church, according to its traditions and claims is the "Church of America." One man wanted the word "Protestant" dropped from the name because the use of the word placed the Church on the same ground with the other denominations. From which I infer that the Episcopal Church is considered by these men to occupy higher grounds than that of other denominations. Ah, well, perhaps this is an innocent sort of conceit also. I am in favor of all ecclesiastical peacock strutting as much as they like—amongst themselves.

CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

I think when God wants a man to preach, he by his spirit in presses on him his duty, just as he impresses all other Christian duties on his followers. For instance, when a man is converted, he impresses on him, that it is his duty to be baptized, and observe all things whatsoever God has commanded him. John 3:16. This does not confer on the converted man the right to all the privileges of the church, he must go before the church, and its members, and let them decide whether he is entitled to membership and all its privileges or not. Just so with the candidate for the ministry, he must go before the church, and let them judge whether he ought to preach or not. Acts 1:21, 26. In this case we are not told that Matthias had any impressions to preach, but it seems the church decided that either of the two named persons were suitable for the ministry or Apostleship, and then chose between them.

Then Acts 9:6, Paul said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And the Lord said unto him arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." Here we see, that Paul asked the Lord what he must do. Did the Lord tell him what he must do? No, he told him to go into the city, and he should be told what he must do. He did not give him authority to preach, independent of the church, but sent him to the disciples at Damascus for instructions what to do, which of course was the same as giving authority to preach.

The word minister, means servant, then a minister of a church is a servant of that church. Matt. 20:26, 25: "Whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant" (Greek, slave, 2 Cor. 4:1). "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants, (Greek, slaves; for Jesus' sake.)

Paul certainly was as independent of the churches as any minister, yet he calls himself a servant, yet slave of the Corinthian church. Now can any servant or slave have any authority to do anything, except it be given by the one he serves? Is it not his duty to labor for those he serves, and do only such work as they lay out for him to do? From its time for us to fix it?"

I spoke to the point for a few minutes that it was the Lord's house, we its keeper—referring to the fact that ours was about third in the Association in wealth and that we should finish our house, etc.

Bro. Brown followed with a ten dollar speech. Ten dollar, five dollar, two and a half dollars and dollar speeches followed, and in fifteen or twenty minutes we had about \$50 raised and committees to raise more. Then resolution was entertained to build the house. And those good brethren, with grace in their hearts, went to work as well as to prayer, and I want to say to the Record and all who read its sacred pages, that Spring Creek church to-day will do honor to any community. The house is not quite finished, but the brethren will paint in the summer.

I want to say again, I am proud of my pastorate at Spring Creek. I let the brethren and my interest is identified with theirs, and theirs with mine.

The sisters intend organizing a "Woman's Missionary Society" at an early day. May the Lord bless them in the work.

Last (1st) Sunday was a good time with us at Spring Creek; house full to overflowing. According to previous announcement, I preached on baptism. Our subject on Saturday was "Follow me." Matt. 4:19, bringing out the pre-requisites to

PROPOSITIONS:
1. It is right to follow Christ.
2. No unregenerated person can follow Christ.

3. To follow Christ, we must obey His commandments.

4. My propositions on the subject of baptism are as follows:

1. Baptism, a divine origin.
2. Only believers are proper subjects for baptism.
3. Immersion, the only scriptural mode of baptism.

Having told by one of the Bro. E. M. and all concerned, that I am to be deacons at the congregation, I made the following announcement: "Any one getting enough of baptism will make it known by leaving the house." Though the services lasted two hours, suffice it to say, that quiesce pervaded.

On the first Sunday in June I will preach to the children from Ecc. 12:1 chapter.

We will hold our "days of meeting" in August, beginning the first Sunday. I expect Brethren Smith and Winter to help me. Brethren are to say that we may receive "the blessing."

G. W. RILEY,
Myrtle, Miss.
May 18, 1889.

BONES.

Withdrawn

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Please allow me to say to Bro. R.

E. M. and all concerned, that I am

to be deacons at the congre-

gation on the 3rd and 5th of June; not

because of any change of opinion as to

the teachings of the passage, but be-

cause I may have done no good, and

perhaps it is out of place for me to

undertake to controvert with able

Theologians, hence I withdraw from

the contest; ask pardon for the seem-

ing impertinence, will try to do bet-

ter next time if (indeed) there is any

Notes From Spring Creek.

S. B. T. Seminary.

Last night closed the session of

1888-1889 of the Seminary. After

some remarks by Dr. Broadus, he

proceeded to deliver diplomas to 27

young men, 12 full graduates and 15

English graduates. In many respects

the present session was a glorious

one. No sickness among the boys

and the number swelled to 165—next

to the largest number of Theological

students in the United States; Prince-

ton being the largest.

We have eight from Mississippi,

three of whom graduated and now

ready for life's conflicts.

Rev. T. S. Powell is a full gradu-

ate and doubtless will take a post-

graduate course.

He will spend his vacation in Indiana preaching.

In connection with his duties in the

Seminary, he has written a book,

"Five Years in South Mississippi."

The writer of this article having

traveled all over the section of coun-

try included in the title of the book,

was very eager to read it, hence he

was the first one to have it after it

came from the publishers, Bro.

Powell is the most scholarly man in

the Seminary, which speaks well

for Mississippi College and does

well for our State.

In reading his book I am impre-

ssed by the title of the book,

which is "Thirty seed sowers" absolutely necessary for the efficient prosecu-

tion of the work in North China.

Bro. Bryan is asking for ten or twenty,

and we are aiming to open a live-

ing of contiguous stations connecting

our mission with that of Central China

at Chin Kiang. What part will

Mississippi take in this enterprise?

How many associations has she each

of which might easily sustain a mis-

sionary in foreign lands? The time will

come when each church will have its

own mission.

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EDITORIAL.

Notes and Comments.

The great International Exposition in Paris, in celebration of the Centen-
ary of the Republic, which was opened on May 6. The anticipated coun-
try was Germany, Turkey and Mon-
tenegro.

Military orders issued prior to the
recent congressional election in New
York suggest the opinion that 50,000
militiamen could be assembled in
New York within a few hours.

The new Free State of Minnesota and
Wisconsin have been represented as
extremely disquieting. The danger is but
down already at St. Paul and the
dunes are still rising. Everybody is
praying for rain as the only hope for
relief.

Christians should be very careful
how they deport themselves in this
life. They are watched by the wicked
on every occasion, and the whole
world is impelled as a jury to try
them. Well may they remember the
words of the Prophetic while He was
here upon earth. "Watch," H. W.
LAMBERT. "For the day will comes."

It is right and fitting our school
period to hold a meeting in our
church houses for the purpose of giving
a word and pray each and jogs. It don't
look just right we confess.

The Pope's recent deliverance
proves of against the act of the Italian
Government to seize a number of
terms it is to be a great blow to
Italy. Over here we are to see that the Catholic
churches are to be seized and there are
some to believe this story.

It is going to require all of us it
and at all the time to balance ac-
counts with State Missions and the
College at West Point. But that is
what we are living for and we can do
it. Seven thousand dollars will do it.

We are pastor of our church and
we put it down for one 55th of the
whole amount needed. Brother pas-
tors lets it stand up to the
Convention.

Bro. Joe Evans of Aberdeen, prom-
ised to help for State Treasurer
told us the other day that Evangelist
Cassell was doing about the best
preaching in Aberdeen that anybody
there ever heard.

Carrollton Sunday school is
undoubtedly the largest school of the
State in respect to giving. For more
than five years, the school has con-
tributed \$20,000 a month to Mississippi
College without ever failing a single
month. In fact, 100 such schools
out of over 1000 churches would keep
the College going.

This age has gone mad on two
things, education and machinery. T.
T. EATON

It will do for white people to be
Baptists, but colored people hating
such as for that? That is what
a colored Methodist minister said to
us in Memphis.

The Clinton Improvement Com-
pany has issued a new pamphlet, set-
ting forth the advantages of Clinton
and surrounding country. Those de-
siring to locate where they can educate
their children should write to Eld.
S. M. Ellis for a pamphlet.

After doing the greatest work in
Foreign Missions and Home Missions
and Ministerial Education, and in the
College and in State Missions ever
done in one year by Miss Baptist, it
would be too bad to let it by carry-
ing over a debt from the Convention.

I am a friend to the College and you
may count on me to strain myself to
help it. Dr. L. W. HOLLAND, Can-
ton.

Brother P. L. Lipscomb recently gradu-
ated from the Seminary accept a
call to Indiana.

Ed. E. W. Walker remains in Ken-
tucky during the summer.

The Oxford church is still looking
for a pastor. They are earnestly
the gifts.

No two people in Mississippi more
rejoice in the great development of
women's work in the State than Sis-
ters Quimby and Johnson. They
nursed the way through its teeth-
ing time and now it is a fine young
woman.

Brother Geo. Miller and wife, of
Crystal Springs, have gone to Virginia
to witness the graduation of their
daughter, Miss Annie, from Hollins
Institute. They are accompanied by
Brother Dillaker, of Steeple Creek,
brother to Sister Miller.

Preparations are making to have a
great time at the commencement at
Clinton. Dr. Henry McDonald, of
Atlanta, Ga., will preach the sermon.
The old students are expected in force.

Warren Institute, Oxford, enjoyed a
prosperous session which has just
closed.

Along with the cash for the renewal
of the Record, Sister Womble, of
Aberdeen, sends us words of appreciation
of the paper, which are indeed
words of "good cheer." Such kindly
remembrances make the best tonic for
editorial weariness.

An Indian was converted under the
preaching of a Presbyterian mission-
ary. The man convert had read his
Bible. The baptism was arranged for
Wednesday. The Indian was invited forward
and saw the bowl of water, he said, "I
can't get into that." But what of
that couldn't the preacher baptized
the water into him?

In the great conflict between truth
as it is in Christ, and error as it is in
the world, how many there are who,
for the sake of a little popularity with
error, sell the truth and partake of the
cottage of sin." But does it really
pay?

There is no trait of character more
valuable to us than that of being
determined forward when the right
thing is to be performed. Be sure you
are right, then go honestly to work
and pursue it with an undeviating de-
votion. Start right and keep right,
should be our motto.

It is believed that the Woman's
Mission Societies will raise \$1,000 of
the amount needed. It is owing to the
rapid development of this arm of
our power that such an encouraging
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Never ones looking down into what life
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What you have done for me? — Notice
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